



**STONEHOUSE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

**Present:**

Councillors: Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites (Vice Chair of Town Council/ Deputy Mayor), Gary Powell (Chair/Town Mayor), Val Randell, Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair), Rachel Armstrong, Marcus Dixon.

**Also present:**

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy clerk)

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***Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.***

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**E/566 To receive apologies**

No apologies received.

**E/567 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/568 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.**

Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**E/569 EN22/0476 To comment on the flood meadow at Downton Rd.**

Letter to be written to SDC planning department to gather information to enable Council to respond to the concern of residents.

**E/570 21/0100/STMAJW. Stonehouse Sewage Pumping Station. Planning**

Application Consultation Response.

No response noted.

**E/571 To review and comment of Environment Budget 2023/24**

Council voted to keep £2000 for Climate Change.

£5000 was asked for the Canal Project, this request is being discussed at the next Full Council meeting.



The Environment Budget will be included for review and comment in the next Environment meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**E/572 To comment on planning applications**

- **S.22/2549/HHOLD. 20 Quietways, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NW.** Installation of dormer, roof light, garage conversion, alterations to roof, changes to fenestration and first floor side extension (Resubmission of S.21/2237/HHOLD).  
**Comment: No observations.**
- **S.22/2565/HHOLD. 27 Albany, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PS.** Demolition of garage to create fenced parking area.  
**Comment: No objections providing ownership can be ascertained.**
- **S.22/2593/TCA. Stonehouse Court Hotel , Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**  
Trees in a Conservation Area.
  - (1) 1678 Robinia Ivy - Sever Ivy at base and remove from trunk and crown. Remove major deadwood.
  - (2) 1679 Atlas Cedar - Remove major deadwood, damaged branches and stubs.
  - (3) 1680 Common Lime - Remove epicormic growths at base to enable inspection.
  - (4) 1681 Atlas Cedar - Remove major deadwood.
  - (5) 1682 Robinia - Fell to leave 4 metre section for habitat creation with coronet cuts to ends.
  - (6) 1683 Turkish Hazel - Fell to ground level
  - (7) 1684 Common Lime - Remove epicormic growths at base to enable inspection.
  - (8) 1685 Turkey Oak Ivy - Sever at 3 metres and remove 300mm section of stem to reduce regrowth. Allow to die off. Crown lift over highway to provide 6.0m clearance to first foliage from ground level. Remove major deadwood.
  - (9) 1686 Common Lime - Remove major deadwood.
  - (10) 1687 Atlas Cedar - Due to the trees poor vigour the best long term solution would be felling to a safe height.
  - (11) 1688 Common Yew Ivy - Sever Ivy at base and remove 300mm section and allow to die off
  - (12) 1689 Indian Bean Tree - Prune from buildings by 1.5m. Remove major deadwood.
  - (13) 1690 Norway Maple - Fell to ground level.
  - (14) 1691 Norway Maple - Fell to ground level
  - (15) 1692 Common Yew - Cut back spread to neighbours by up to 2m and clear building by 1m.
  - (16) 1693 Wild Cherry - Fell to ground level.
  - (17) 1694 Sycamore - Sever Ivy at base and remove 300mm section; allow to die off.



(18) 1695 Sycamore - Ivy Remove from lower trunk to 3 metres.

(19) 1696 Common Holly - Remove major deadwood.

(20) 1697 Sycamore - Fell to ground level.

**Comment:** No objections. Suggest 1687 is looked at by a qualified arboriculturist. Trees to be replaced in a more suitable position and verified as free of disease and fitting in.

- **S.22/2584/FUL. Grendar Ltd, Storrington Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Conversion of existing workshop ((Class E) to a single dwelling (Class C3).

**Comment:** No objections providing any constructions or ancillary structures do not impede or harm the roots to the adjacent tree. This council has concerns about the dwelling overlooking the neighbour's property.

- **S.21/1712/VAR. Land Adjoining Station Road, Bristol Road, Stonehouse.** Variation of Condition 16 (App plans) of permitted application S.18/1389/VAR to change the layout and house types with a reduction in housing numbers.

**Comment:** Council is sorry to lose the roundabout, which would have provided future turning for buses at the new station. Council appreciates that space has been left to reinstate the roundabout as and when needed. Council also appreciates that the footpath can be accessed from the far end of the site.

- **S.22/2571/DEM. Stonehouse Library, Elm Road, Stonehouse.** Demolish building as it has become unsafe following vandalism.

**Comments:** Council noted the application has now been withdrawn.

- **S.22/2679/LBC. Stanley Mills , Ryeford Road South, Ryeford, Stonehouse.** Internal and external alterations and demolition of ancillary buildings.

**Comment:** No observations. As a listed building we trust this will be treated accordingly.

**E/573** To receive proposal and first quote for cleaning of War Memorial.

**Comment:** Council will await further quotes.

**E/574** To receive any reports from Working Groups. Members may wish to note any reports from the following: Comms, Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station, Canal Rejuvenation, Transport and Highways, Public Rights of Way and Recreation.



Recreation - Stagholt project, next meeting postponed until January 2023. A quote has been provided for a planning application.

Transport - Meeting postponed until January 2023.

Canal - Meeting arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

PROW - Meeting arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> December to discuss Town Green status work in relation to Verney Fields, to finalise questionnaire.

Stroudwater Station - Awaiting SDC to put out a press release.

Communications - Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> November to discuss changes to website.

**E/575 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.**

- **S.22/2045/FUL. Land At The Rear Of 42, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Demolition of storage buildings and erection of a two bed detached single storey dwelling. **Permitted.**
- **S.22/1650/HHOLD. 97 Court View, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PJ.** Erection of two storey side extension to provide an extended sitting room & additional bedroom. **Permitted.**
- **S.22/2116/HHOLD. Avenue House, Oldends, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Erection of single storey rear extension. **Permitted.**
- **S.22/1606/REM. Parcel H21 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.** Local Area Play to serve the approved S.17/2093/DISCON Master Plan for area H21 (S.14/0810/OUT). **Approved.**
- **S.22/2128/CPE. Brunsdons Yard, Ryeford Road South, Ryeford, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Development in respect of the lawful implementation of planning permission S.18/1830/FUL permitted 5th November 2019. **Lawful.**
- **S.22/2271/HHOLD. 45 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and dormer extension. **Permitted.**
- **S.22/2404/TPO. Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse.** T01- Oak- Remove major dead wood from over garden, prune to clear outbuilding to south by 2 metres, remove branch to north over car park with sparse chlorotic foliage. T02- Oak- Remove major dead wood from over car park to north. T03- Oak- Reduce extended limbs in lower crown to north & south by 2 metres. Remove major dead wood from over car park & playing field. T04- Oak- Reduce wind stress



on exposed limbs by reducing extended south-west limb in upper crown by 3-4 metre. **Consent given.**

- **S.22/2394/DISCON. Unit 1 Parcel E4 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.** Discharge of Condition 13 (Construction management Plan) of planning permission Ref. S.21/2758/REM. **Compliance with existing conditions confirmed.**
- **S.22/2395/DISCON. Unit 2 Parcel E4 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.** Discharge of Condition 13 (Construction management Plan) of planning permission Ref. S.21/2759/REM. **Compliance with existing conditions confirmed.**
- **S.22/2209/LBC. Holmleigh, 78 High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Removal of laminate flooring and replacing with parquet or herringbone flooring and to overboard or replaster ceilings as noted in 2022/0528/PREDSK. **Consent given.**
- **S.22/2268/FUL. 1 Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BQ.** Extension of loft conversion & single storey extension to provide 2no. additional assisted living units. **Application withdrawn.**
- **S.22/2353/TCA. Ryeford Cottage , Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse.** Yew tree at the rear of the garden - Cut this down by about 60% of its current height. Copper Beach - cut down about 50%. **No objection.**
- **S.19/0474/FUL. Land To North Of, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.** Demolition of clubhouse and erection of replacement pavilion extension with car park extension, surfacing, landscaping and new access. Erection of ten dwellings. Resubmission of S.17/1603/FUL (380093 - 206061). **Application Withdrawn.**
- **S.22/2482/TPO. 133 Court View, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PJ.** Oak - Crown reduction, reduce height by approx 3m and 2m laterally to help rebalance crown and minimise overhang of power cables. **Consent given.**

Committee NOTED all decisions.

**E/576 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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# Rural England Prosperity Funding

Market Towns

9th November 2022



## A quick overview..

- Stroud District has been awarded £400,000 of capital funding for two years, 2023 – 2025
- The funding has been allocated 25% spend, year one (£100k) and 75% spend, year two (£300k)
- Projects must be from a rural location, as defined by DEFRA rural areas are:
  - Towns, villages, hamlets with populations below 10,000
  - Market or “hub towns” with populations of up to 30,000 that serve their surrounding rural areas as centres of employment and in providing services
- REPF is to:
  - Support new and existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of a wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams,
  - Supporting new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy.



Supporting Rural Businesses	
<p>Funding (capital grants) for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas. Including capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses, and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses where this involves converting farm buildings into other commercial or business uses.</p>	<p>Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion. Increasing private sector investment in growth- enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium sized businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- undertake innovation</li> <li>- adopt productivity enhancing, energy efficient &amp; low carbon technologies and techniques</li> </ul>
<p>Funding (capital grants) for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- community businesses</li> <li>- cooperatives and social enterprises</li> <li>- research &amp; development sites</li> </ul>	<p>Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion. From capital grant support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities. Enhancing rural visitor economy and rural leisure opportunities.</p>
<p>Funding (capital grants) for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- local attractions</li> <li>- trails</li> <li>- tourism products more generally</li> </ul>	<p>Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion. Enhancing rural visitor economy and rural leisure opportunities.</p>



Supporting Rural Communities	
Funding (capital grants) for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.	<p>Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities.</p>
Funding (capital grants) for creation of and improvements to local rural green spaces.	
Funding (capital grants) for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer.	
Funding (capital grants) for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.	
Funding (capital grants) for rural circular economy projects.	
Funding (capital grants) for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.	



# Outcomes

Rural business investment outcomes	Rural community investment outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jobs created</li> <li>▪ Jobs safeguarded</li> <li>▪ Number of new businesses created</li> <li>▪ Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes</li> <li>▪ Number of businesses with improved productivity</li> <li>▪ Number of businesses experiencing growth</li> <li>▪ Number of businesses increasing their export capability</li> <li>▪ Number of businesses increasing their turnover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jobs created</li> <li>▪ Jobs safeguarded</li> <li>▪ Increased users of facilities or amenities</li> <li>▪ Improved perception of facilities or amenities</li> <li>▪ Number of new businesses created</li> <li>▪ Increased footfall</li> <li>▪ Increased visitor numbers</li> <li>▪ Increased use of cycleways or paths</li> <li>▪ Improved engagement numbers</li> <li>▪ Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support</li> <li>▪ Improved perception of events</li> <li>▪ Improved perception of local facilities or amenities</li> <li>▪ Number of community-led programmes as a result of support</li> <li>▪ Volunteering numbers as a result of support</li> </ul>



# REPF Proposal

- A capital grants programme made available across the two years.

## Eligibility:

- A business or community organisation based in the District
- The grant will fund a capital project (lasting assets such as building or equipment)
- The project will have spent their agreed grant allocation in years 2023-24 or 2024-25
- The project will support new and/or existing rural businesses to develop new products and facilities
- The project will support new and/or improved community infrastructure to provide essential community services and assets for local people and businesses.
- Confirmation that the project meets the requirements of the interventions listed for a rural business or community.
- The project will achieve defined outcomes (see below) and those outcomes demonstrate value for money.
- Your organisation must be either a business or a community organisation based within a rural location.
- An eligible business organisation will be a micro or small business, with 0-10 employees or a turnover of less than €10million.
- A community organisation is one that supports the local area and does not have private membership criteria.
- The grant total will be reimbursed once evidence of payment has been provided.



# Stroud District Council's Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Emissions Policy

*Date of consultation: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - Sunday, February 12, 2023*

## Consultation summary

Review of Stroud District Council's taxi and private hire vehicle policy with an aim of reducing the number of higher polluting taxi and private hire vehicles. The Council's ambition is that in the long term all licensed vehicles will have zero emissions in line with the Council's Carbon Neutral 2030 objective.

## Why we are Consulting

We are seeking your views on a proposed interim vehicle policy that sets out to move away from the current policy based purely on age and to replace it with a policy based on age for first licensing and Euro 6 emissions compliance to remain licensed.

Exemptions are proposed for Ultra Low Emission Vehicles to encourage trade investment in zero and very low emission vehicles.

An exemption from the age policy on first licensing is also proposed for wheelchair accessible vehicles to encourage trade investment in wheelchair accessible vehicles.



Proposed Date	Application Type	Proposed Criteria
1st April 2023	<b>New vehicle applications and change of vehicle applications</b>  An exemption for wheelchair accessible vehicles and ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV)  The current exemption for new applications for elite vehicles will end	<b>Vehicle must be 5 years old or less</b>
1st April 2023	<b>Wheelchair accessible vehicle new vehicle applications and change of vehicle applications</b>	<b>Vehicle must be Euro 6 compliant or ULEV</b>
1st April 2025	<b>Renewal vehicle applications</b>  The current exemption for renewal applications for Elite vehicles will end	<b>Vehicle must be Euro 6 compliant or ULEV</b>
1st April 2030 (Provisional)	<b>New vehicle applications and change of vehicle applications</b>	<b>Ambition that they must be ULEV</b>
1st April 2023 (Provisional)	<b>Renewal vehicle applications</b>	<b>Ambition that they must be ULEV</b>

Vehicles manufactured from September 2015 are Euro 6 compliant for emissions.

Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) have very low emissions and emit less than [75g] of CO2 per km. They include pure electric vehicles and plug in hybrid vehicles.

For more background and details you can see the report that was considered by the [Community Services and Licensing Committee on 1 December 2022 - Agenda Item 11](#) .



## Stroud District Council's Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Emissions Policy consultation

### How to respond

Please give us your views by completing our survey, it should not take any more than 5 minutes.

**[Link to Survey](#)**

The consultation ends on 12th February 2023

You can contact the licensing team on **[licensing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stroud.gov.uk)**







# EXAMINATION OF THE STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

## INSPECTORS' GUIDANCE NOTE

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### Purpose of this note

1. This note provides guidance to participants on the procedural and administrative arrangements for the hearing sessions as part of the examination of the Stroud District Local Plan Review. References in square brackets [ ] refer to examination documents which can be found in the examination document library on the Council's examination webpages. The link is as follows:  
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/local-plan-examination>

### Dates of the hearing sessions

2. The examination hearing sessions will commence at **10:00 on Tuesday 7 March 2023**. They will be held virtually using Zoom hosted by the Council. The **Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)**, published as a separate document, will form the basis for the discussions.
3. **A draft programme** for the examination hearing sessions has also been published which sets out the matters to be discussed on each day. Please note that details may change.

### Programme Officer

4. Charlotte Glancy is the Programme Officer and is responsible for the administration of the examination. She is working under our direction, is impartial and is independent of the Council. The role of the Programme Officer includes acting as the main point of contact for the examination, providing an effective channel of communication between us and all parties. All programming queries, practical and procedural points should therefore be addressed to the Programme Officer on the contact details as above.
5. Copies of all examination documents are available to view on the [examination website](#). Any participant who does not have access to the internet should contact the Programme Officer so that alternative arrangements can be made for viewing documents.



## Scope of the examination and the Inspectors' role

### Inspectors' role

6. Our role is to assess whether the Stroud District Local Plan Review (the Plan) as submitted, has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and determine whether it is sound. The purpose of the hearing sessions is to enable us to obtain the information we need to make these assessments.
7. The National Planning Policy Framework, July 2021, (the Framework) states that in order to be sound, a Local Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
8. There are three possible outcomes to the examination:
  - the submitted Plan is sound;
  - the submitted Plan is not sound but could be made sound by making changes (main modifications), if necessary following additional work; or,
  - the submitted Plan is not sound and could not be made sound by any changes.
9. Following the close of the Hearing we will prepare a report to the Council with our conclusions.

### Changes to the Plan

10. There are two ways by which changes can be made to the Plan:
  - (a) **Main modifications** which are recommended by the Inspectors. These are changes which alone or in combination with others, would materially alter the Plan or policies and must be subject to consultation. We can only recommend **main modifications** if they are necessary to resolve problems that would otherwise make the submitted Plan unsound or not legally compliant.
  - (b) **Additional modifications** which can be made by the Council on adoption. These are changes which do not materially affect the policies in the Plan. The Council is accountable for these changes and they do not fall within the scope of the examination.

### Omission sites

11. Our starting point for the examination is that the Council has submitted a Plan which they consider is sound and legally compliant. We will therefore be considering whether the policies and site allocations within the Plan comply with these requirements.
12. We will not be considering the merits of any alternative or omission sites. If during the examination there appears to be a need for additional development sites to be allocated, it will be a matter for us to raise this with the Council to decide what it would propose in order to meet such a need.
13. Those seeking changes to the Plan need to demonstrate why the submitted Plan is not sound, rather than highlight an alternative or omission site.



## The hearing sessions

14. The hearing sessions for the examination will be held virtually using Zoom and are being hosted by the Council. A separate note about the virtual hearing sessions explaining how representors will participate and how others can observe the events will be issued shortly. The aim is to make the virtual hearing sessions as similar as possible to physical hearing sessions in the way they are run.
15. Except for the opening day which will start at 10:00, the hearing sessions will normally run between 09:30 and 13:00 in the mornings and between 14:00 and 16:00 in the afternoons, unless stated otherwise.
16. The hearings will be in the form of structured round table discussions which we shall lead. There will be no formal presentation of evidence or cross-examination. Barristers and solicitors, if present, will be treated as part of the respective organisation or team.
17. The discussion will focus on the issues in the programme together with any additional points or supplementary questions we wish to ask arising from any further written statements.
18. The programme is currently in draft form and may be subject to change. An updated version will be issued before the Hearing starts and this will include a list of participants invited to attend each session.

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## Progressing representations on the Plan

### Participation at the hearing sessions

19. Only those who have made representations within the prescribed time periods and seek changes to the Plan, have a right to be invited to and participate in relevant hearing sessions. However anyone, including those supporting the Plan, may observe the live streaming of the virtual hearing sessions. Details on how you can do this will be published in due course.
20. If you wish to participate at a hearing session, and your representations are relevant to that session, please contact the Programme Officer as soon as possible and by **17:00 on Tuesday 24 January 2023** at the latest, to confirm this.
21. Please clarify which matters and issues are relevant to your representations and on which issues and questions you wish to speak. Anybody who does not confirm their wish to appear by that date may not be included in the programme, so please respond promptly.
22. Where several people or organisations wish to speak on the same issue or wish to make the same point, you should consider appointing a single spokesperson or persons, as we will not be allowing points to be repeated during the hearing sessions. This will ensure that effective use is made of available time in the sessions. The Programme Officer will assist you with these arrangements.



23. The updated version of the Hearing Programme will be published on the examination website around two weeks before the start of the Hearing. It will be for individual participants to check this and to ensure that they attend the right sessions and at the right time.
24. If anyone is unsure as to which session their representations relate to please contact the Programme Officer for advice.
25. Please note that we will give equal regard to views put at the hearing sessions and those set out in writing. Participating in a hearing session will only be useful and helpful to us if you can engage in a debate and focus on our specific questions.

Further written statements

26. Our matters, issues and questions (MIQs) will form the basis for discussion at the hearing sessions. As participants should have already set out their full cases within their existing representations there should ordinarily be no need to produce further written statements. Representors may therefore choose to rely on their original response.
27. However if participants do wish to produce further written hearing statements, these must relate to their original representation and respond to the issues and questions set out in our MIQs. Statements must not repeat what is in previous representations as these will be taken into account.
28. As the examination documents are available on the internet, participants should not attach extracts to any statements. Instead, please reference relevant examination document numbers and page numbers.
29. To assist the conduct of the hearings, any additional statements produced by participants must accord with the following:
  - Only respond to the specific questions in the MIQs which are of relevance to the original representation;
  - Respond to each matter (set out in the MIQs) in separate statements;
  - Clearly indicate what changes are necessary to make the Plan sound or legally compliant and set out the precise wording;
  - Be succinct, to the point and no longer than 3000 words for each matter;
  - Should normally not include appendices as all pertinent points should be set out within the main statement; and
  - Along with the electronic version, two paper copies should be provided, stapled (not bound) and with any A3 pages folded to A4.
30. Please note that any statements that are of excessive length and/or contain irrelevant or repetitious material may not be accepted.



31. Unlike other participants, the Council is required to respond to each of our questions and therefore the 3,000 word limit per matter does not apply to them. However any statements should still be succinct.
32. Electronic versions of statements and the two paper copies, including those from the Council, should be sent to the Programme Officer to arrive **no later than 17:00 on Tuesday 14 February 2023**. Late statements may not be accepted.
33. Any new or revised statements of common ground with the Council should be submitted to the Programme Officer as soon as possible but to arrive **no later than 17:00 on Tuesday 21 February 2023**.

#### Site visits

34. Insofar as we consider it necessary for our consideration of the soundness of the Plan we shall visit relevant sites and areas before, during or after the hearing sessions. We will do these unaccompanied unless access to private land is necessary.

#### Close of the examination

35. Following the hearing sessions the examination will remain open until our report is submitted to the Council. However we will not accept any further representations or evidence from any party during this time unless we have specifically requested it.

#### Further information

36. Further information about the preparation and examination of local plans can be found using the following links:
  - The Planning Inspectorate's YouTube channel includes a series of 5 short videos on local plans and the examination process at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQqDetL1R5aRgbNm8PDViNw>
  - The *National Planning Policy Framework – July 2021* is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework>
  - The national *Planning Practice Guidance* available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>, and
  - The Planning Inspectorate's *Examining Local Plans Documents: Procedural Practice – Revised February 2022 (7th edition)* available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice>

**Inspectors Victoria Lucas and Yvonne Wright**

**20 December 2022**







# EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM FOR REGISTRATION OF VERNEY FIELDS, DOVEROW HILL AS A NEW GREEN COMMONS ACT 2006

NAME

CURRENT ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TELEPHONE NO

About your locality

1. Please confirm that you agree with the boundaries of the locality edged in colour on Map 'B'. By what name is this locality known?

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2. Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the land?

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3. Please mark the location of your house on Map 'B' with an X and sign to confirm it relates to the evidence provided in these answers.

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4. Please circle all the facilities available to inhabitants of your locality:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SECONDARY SCHOOL

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHURCH OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP

SPORTS FACILITY

LOCAL SHOPS

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

GP SURGERY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SCOUT HUT

YOUTH CLUB

COMMUNITY CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

OTHER (please specify)



About the claimed land

5. By what name(s) is the claimed land shown on Map 'A' known? Has it ever to your knowledge been known by any other name? If so, what name?

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6. Do you know of any public footpaths or bridleways crossing the land?

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7. How and where do/did you gain access to the land?

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8. Do you know who is the owner of the land?

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9. Do you know who is the occupier of the land?

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10. Have you ever been an employee or tenant of any of the owners/occupiers? If so, please give details.

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11. Has the owner or occupier ever seen you on the land? Was your alleged right to be on the land challenged? If they spoke to you, what did they say?

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About your use of the claimed land

12. Your address when you used the land (if different from above):

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13. Your address when you knew the land was used by local inhabitants (if different from above):

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14. For how many years have you known the land?

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15. Between which years did you use the land?

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16. Why do/did you go on to this piece of land?

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17. How often do/did you use the land (apart from the public paths shown in black)?

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18. What activities do/did you take part in? (Examples include walking, children playing, team games, drawing/painting, dog walking, blackberrying, sledging, bird watching, picnicking, kite flying, community walks and other events)

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19. Does your immediate family use the land? If so, how often and what for?

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20. Did you ever seek permission to go on the land? If so, when and from whom?

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21. Did anyone ever give you permission to go on the land? If so, who and when?

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22. Have you ever been prevented from using the land? If so, when, by whom and why?

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About others using the claimed land

23. During the time you have used the land, has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?

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24. Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the land? If so, please give brief details. Do/did you participate in any of them?

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25. Do you know of any organisations that use the land for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.

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26. Do you know of any seasonal activities that take place on the land?

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27. Please circle all the activities you have seen taking place on the land:

WALKING	CHILDREN PLAYING	TEAM GAMES	DRAWING/PAINTING
DOG WALKING	PICKING BLACKBERRIES	SLEDGING	BIRD WATCHING
PICNICKING	KITE FLYING	BIKE RIDING	CAROL SINGING
BONFIRE PARTY	FETE OR OTHER CELEBRATION	OTHER (please specify)	

28. Has any attempt ever been made by notices, fencing or any other means to prevent or discourage local inhabitants from using the land? If so, please give details and dates.

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29. Do you have any photographs or other evidence of use of the land by local inhabitants which you would be willing to lend to us?

If you have any additional information please attach a separate statement.

Declaration

I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire for ..... years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.

I have signed the reverse side of Map 'B' to confirm it relates to this evidence provided by me.

I understand that the evidence form I have completed in relation to this application may become public knowledge and be provided to the landowner. I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application. The data is collected by Gloucestershire County Council in accordance with the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998.

I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose.

Signed .....

Date .....

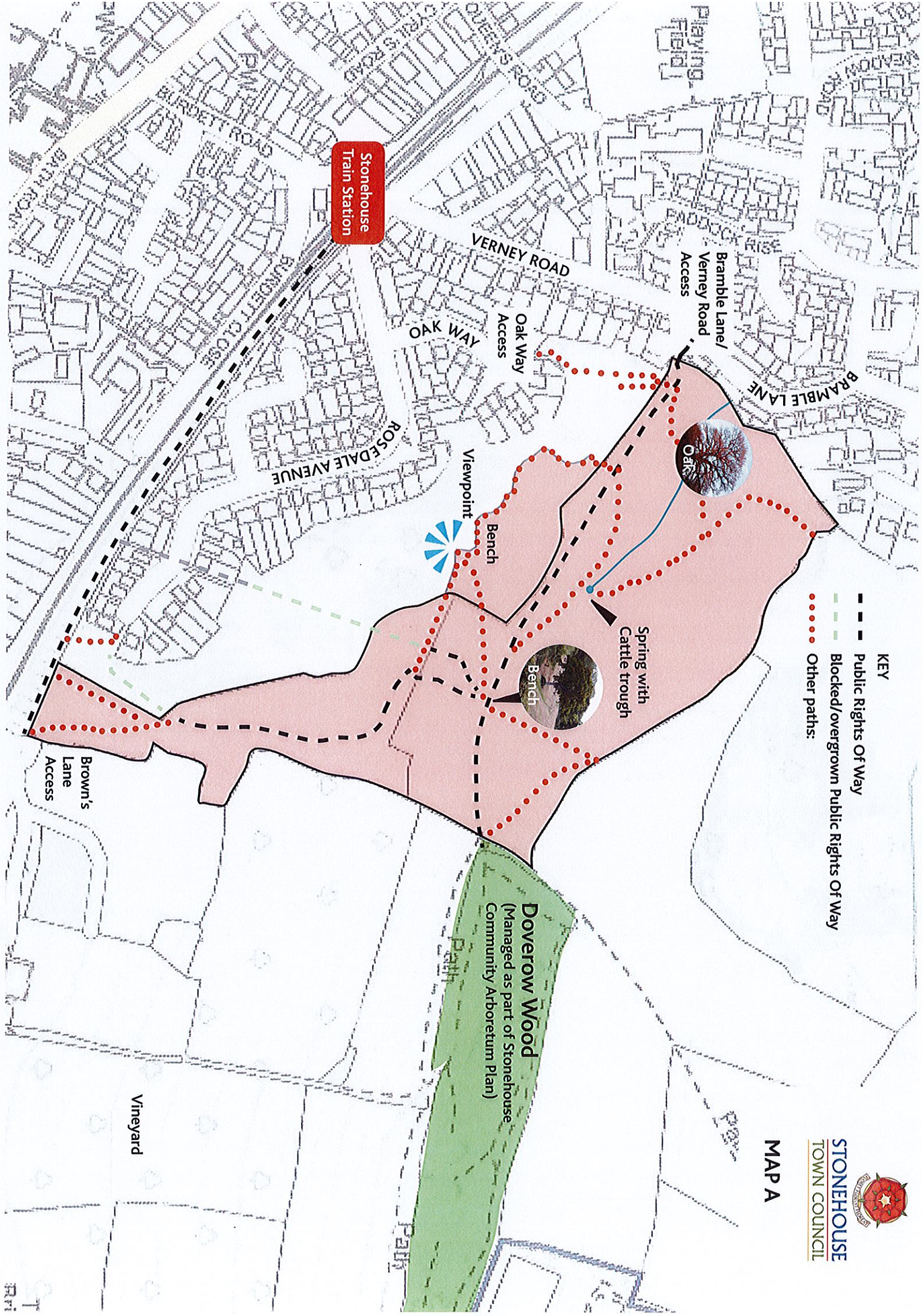




**STONEHOUSE**  
TOWN COUNCIL

# MAP A

- KEY**
- Public Rights Of Way
  - Blocked/overgrown Public Rights Of Way
  - Other paths:

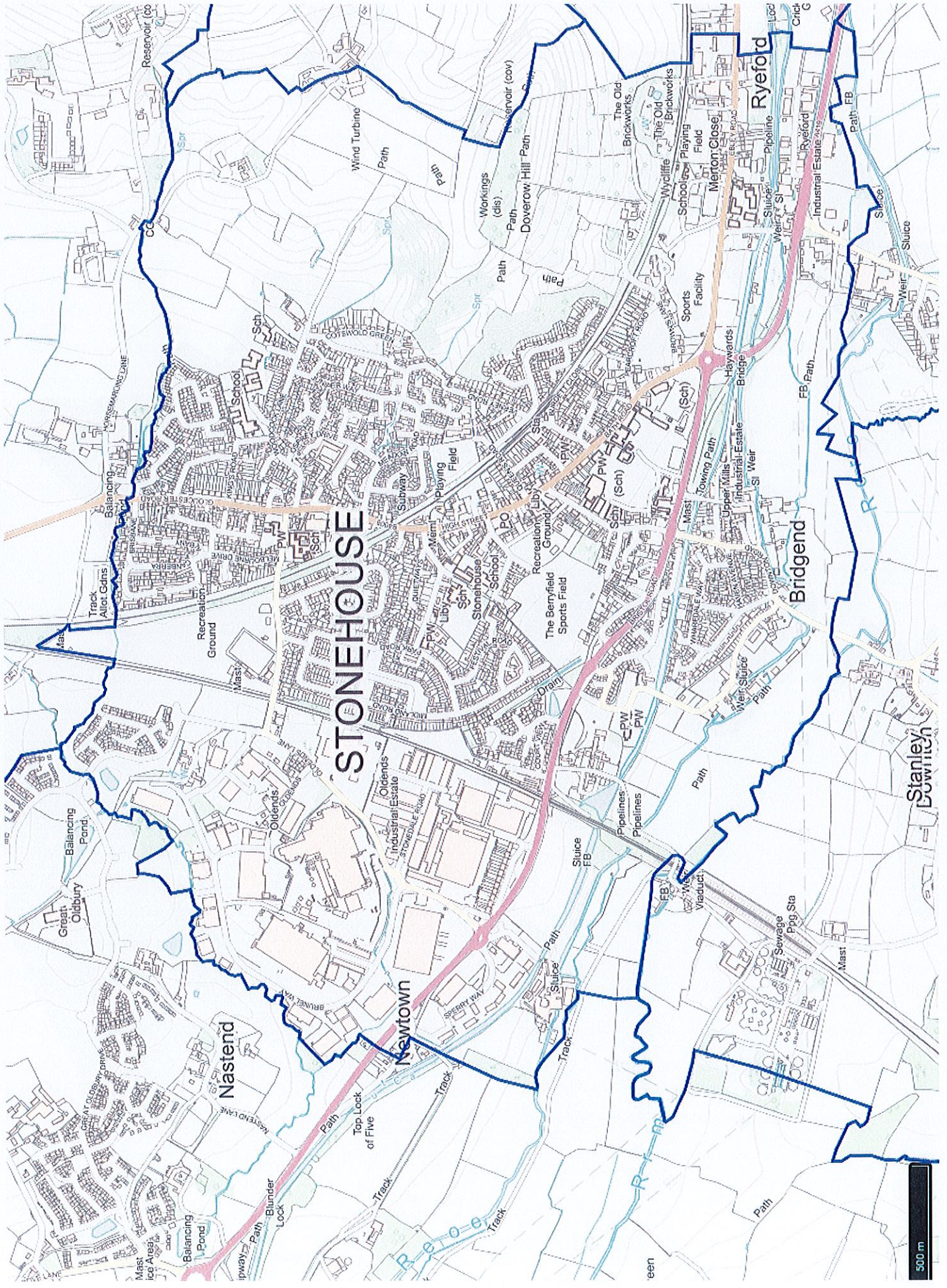








MAP B



500 m







EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM FOR REGISTRATION OF VERNEY FIELDS,  
DOVEROW HILL AS A NEW TOWN GREEN

DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR INTERVIEWERS

The purpose of the evidence collected is to show that:

- (a) a significant number of inhabitants (we are aiming for at least 50)
- (b) of the locality (defined by the Stonehouse CP boundary)
- (c) have indulged as of right (IMPORTANT - this means without being either granted or denied permission)
- (d) in lawful sports and pastimes
- (e) on the land (IMPORTANT - this includes all the 'unofficial' paths, not just the PROWs)
- (f) for a period of at least 20 years (at least some evidence must date back to 2002, but no single individual needs to have used the land for 20 years continuously)
- (g) and continue to do so at the date of the application.

Respondents must complete the questionnaire themselves and in their own words, but it will be helpful if you are present to give any necessary guidance, rather than giving forms out and collecting them later.

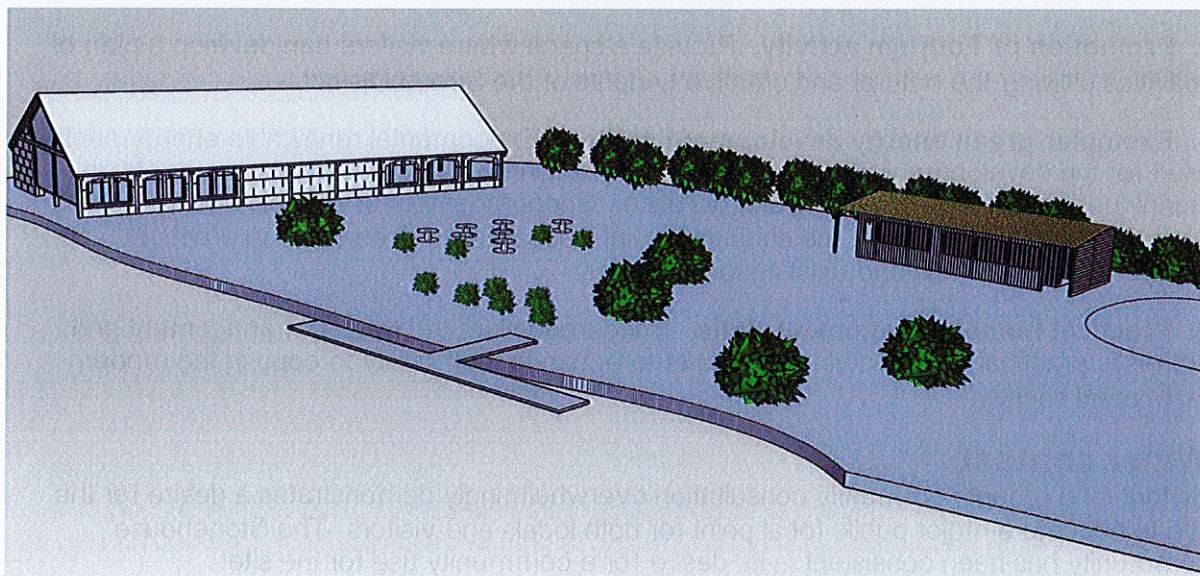
- Q1. Expected 'Agree - Stonehouse'
- Q2. Expected 'Yes'
- Q3. -
- Q4. Those the respondent knows; it does not matter if they do not know all of them.
- Q5. Expected 'Doverow(Hill)/Verney(Fields)' but OK if known to the respondent by another name.
- Q6. Either 'Yes' or 'No'
- Q7. Help may be needed to identify eg. Browns Lane/railway bridge/railway footpath/Verney Rd/Bramble Lane
- Q8,9 Either 'Yes' or 'No'
- Q10,11 Most likely 'No'
- Q12. -
- Q13. -
- Q14. -
- Q15. -
- Q16. -
- Q17. Important (see (e) above); this includes use of paths other than the PROWs.
- Q18. -
- Q19. -
- Q20-22 Important (see (c) above); if right to use has been granted (eg. by notice attached to boundary) then it can be withdrawn and the application is invalid.
- Q23. Either 'Yes' or 'No'
- Q24. Walk Fest? Other?
- Q25. Scouts? Schools? Other?
- Q26. Sledging? Bird watching? Blackberrying?
- Q27. -
- Q28. Expected 'No'
- Q29. All evidence welcome, eg. known use prior to 2002, particular events, etc.







## Simple Business Case for former Ship Inn Site



The purpose of this simple business case, and supporting documents, is to further discussions in relation to establishing a community use of the former Ship Inn Site with the main objective being that these outline proposals be incorporated into the further consultation work being carried out by David Hawes Urban Design (DHUD) and Hilton Barnfield Architects on behalf of Stroud District Council as outlined in their document *Canal Opportunities at Stonehouse: Placemaking and Community Activity*, which resolves to, "assist Stroud District Council, Stonehouse Town Council and other community interest groups in exploring opportunities on and around the Canal at Stonehouse".

### Vision

The former Ship Inn site is a key strategic site in Stonehouse. It is the view of Stonehouse Town Council that public access and a community use for this site would establish a strong and thriving symbiotic relationship between the canal and the town centre – giving residents and visitors the opportunity to engage with canal regeneration as well as having the important potential to offer economic, social, health and well-being benefits to the area, and further holistic community development through social investment, tourism and regeneration. Our vision for this land is to establish a small town wharf for Stonehouse with a dedicated community space. This would be a viable and sustainable community investment for Stonehouse and the wider Five Valleys. Consideration of the Stroud District Local Development Plan (2015) and canal regeneration plans along with direct consultation of residents within the community has helped guide this vision.

Our hope is that this community space will cultivate a place for the public to gather, to enjoy activities such as wildlife spotting while also accessing the water with the use of small crafts such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards; and to explore the lengths of the restored towpath via bike hire. Designs and layout will be in keeping with surrounding areas with minimum impact to the canal and countryside while building a strong link between town and canal and providing a location for ongoing community projects.

### Examples of projects which could be run from community facilities on the site

- 1. Encourage outdoor pursuits.** Using the location and natural resources of the area to define and encourage circular routes for walking and cycling, encourage use of the canal for transportation and recreational activities, whilst managing the needs and requirements of the boating fraternity.



**2. Provide space and freedom for youth activities.** Encourage the younger generation to be involved in projects and activities in the site giving a renewed confidence and purpose whilst developing new skills and taking ownership.

**3. Promotion of Tourism activity.** Provide a space where visitors can develop a plan of activities utilising the natural and creative benefits of the Stroud District.

**4. Exemplar green energy development centre.** Experimental renewable energy centre used for the development of skills and practical experimentation of new energy creation techniques engineered by young and old alike. Encouragement of schools and colleges to inspire students and provide the engineering infrastructure for free-thinking practical experimentation in new and existing technologies.

**5. Practical home-management skills.** Encourage skills in financial management and domestic practical skills allowing recipients to enhance their ability to cope in the modern fast-paced society.

## Wider context

Historic and recent community consultation overwhelmingly demonstrates a desire for the site to become a major public focal point for both locals and visitors. The Stonehouse community has been consistent in its desire for a community use for the site:

- **Stonehouse Design Statement 2005**

*"It was the clear opinion of those questioned at the Design Workshop that the former Ship Inn site should be used for recreation to complement the restored Canal e.g. provision of watering and sanitary facilities. Many favoured the provision of a pub that could be used by the residents of Bridgend and of the new housing developments alongside the Canal. As Canal restoration proceeds, this will reinforce the argument that this site should be the new Town Wharf. It is opposite Regent Street, now closed to through traffic, which offers an attractive route for pedestrians and cyclists to the High Street in tranquil, leafy, pleasing surroundings. As with the other potential routes, this one crosses the A419. Nevertheless, the crossing is controlled by traffic lights and is well protected by secure barriers." (Page 27/Report attached)*

- **Stonehouse Town Council & Stonehouse Ward Councillor comments re former Ship Inn site to SDC Strategy & Resources Committee 19 December 2013:**

*"The current leisure trend is towards café/bistro facilities, not solely pub trade. The vision discussed with Stonehouse Community Partnership was an attraction to the town to increase footfall so a mixed use of café/bistro/gift shop featuring canal crafts would link with their ambition to have a sculpture trail along the canal and into town. The Council believed that the canal project was to achieve economic growth and local employment and there is an opportunity to exploit the site in this regard. . A bird's eye view of the parish of Stonehouse reveals there is very little leisure space which has to be an important consideration on this site." Stonehouse Town Council*

*"The value of this land to the future use of the canal cannot be overstated. It would be an ideal boat stop as well as a point of entry for visitors wishing to walk the canal towpath. We believe a canal side Café/restaurant would complement the Lock-keepers café in Stroud. Tourist boats could run from Stroud to Stonehouse and vice versa. The effect on tourism in and around Stroud would be tremendous. We three see no point in rushing to sell the site until there has been an in-depth consultation into the long-term value of this land and its effect on the long-term prosperity of Stroud District." Stonehouse Ward Councillors*



<https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Strategy%20and%20Resources%20Committee/201312191900/Agenda/agenda-document-pack.pdf> (See agenda item 8 for consultation comments)

- **Community Consultation February 2019: Ship Inn Project Stonehouse**

In February 2019, the community group ShIPS sent 2,600 open questionnaires to the surrounding Stonehouse community, it's purpose to determine what people would like to see on this land. With a 9.6% return, the following most favourable suggestions were made. (Full report attached):

- Eatery/Drinkery 75%
- Small Craft use 49%
- Launching Mooring Facilities 42%
- Visitor Centre/Tourist Information 36%
- Wildlife Haven 36%

- **Cotswold Canal's Connected Activity & Action Plan May 2020**

Stonehouse is specifically identified in CCC's Activity & Action Plan as one of the "central priorities for project investment" in Phase 1B of the canal project (page 8) and has been "identified by CCC as a key target community" with "the highest deprivation index along this stretch of the canal corridor" (page 61). The document also notes that all partners within CCC are "committed to community-led restoration and regeneration" (page 27) and that "creating community spaces along the canal corridor would increase connectivity to the canal and canal towns whilst supporting local enterprise opportunities." (page 128) while "prioritising local community needs is essential to ensure maximum benefits to our people and communities." (page 129) Imaginative development of the former Ship Inn Site has the potential to fulfil each of the Five Core Strategic Aims that CCC has laid out in its Activity & Action Plan that underpins the £8.9 million funding from the National Heritage Lottery (page 14)

- **Community Consultation October 2021: Stonehouse Town Council**

In October 2021, Stonehouse Town Council carried out a community consultation to establish what the people of Stonehouse would like to see on the former Ship Inn site as part of the next phase of Cotswold Canals Connected's work to restore the former Stroudwater Navigation:

- 660 responses, with 598 from all over the Stonehouse GL10 postcode – 9% of all people of working age
- 95% in favour of community facilities

<https://www.stonehousetowncouncil.gov.uk/our-projects/community-consultation-future-of-ship-inn-site/>

## Project realisation

To achieve this vision, we ask that SDC revisits as a way forward a decision that was agreed at the meeting referenced above on 13 December 2013 and considers a transfer of the land under a long lease:

RESOLVED That the Council markets the Ship Inn site, Stonehouse for disposal by long lease for a use which benefits the community and local economic growth, subject to a further report back to this Committee to consider any offers received and delegates authority to the Head of Asset Management to determine the appropriate length of lease term.

<https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Strategy%20and%20Resources%20Committee/201312191900/Agenda/minutes-19-december-2013.pdf> (Resolution page 4)

A long lease for a peppercorn rent would enable the creation of a universally accessible connection point to the newly regenerated canal. Another option would be for the land to be



acquired for a nominal sum from SDC, under Section 123 (Local Government Act, 1972) This is based on the positive social value it would provide the community and district. It is suggested that a CCBS (Charitable Community Benefit Society) be established for the overall management of this community asset. CCBS files with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and profits will be reinvested back into the community. There is strong community buy-in and interest in the future of this site and strong volunteer support for the project is expected. Initially (year 1-3) the day-to-day running of the site will be managed by local volunteers who will work alongside Stonehouse Town Council, SHIPS and relevant local charities/community organisations. It has been anticipated that at year 2 a part-time employee will be required. As the site becomes busier and more profitable it is anticipated that extra staff will be hired and paid for their services.

### Timetable for implementation

Stage	Timescale	Plan
Stage 1	Year 1	Acquire the land. Arrange 'pop-up' events to engage the community and see how the space is best used. Create a small seating and refreshment area to encourage local community members and visitors to the site and generate funds to allow progression to stage 2. Events can be tied into other local area events and/or promote local businesses. The provision of temporary toilet facilities will be created to encourage use by walkers, cyclists, boaters, etc.
Stage 2	Years 2-5	This stage relates to the end of Phase 1a/beginning of Phase 1b of the canal redevelopment. It consists of obtaining planning approval to create basic sustainable amenities on the site with dock/shed constructed in an aesthetic sensitive to the heritage of the area that does not infringe on wildlife and ecology of the site. These constructions will create local employment opportunities and begin directing tourists into Stonehouse and further along into Stroud and the five valleys.
Stage 3	Years 5+	<b>The final proposal</b> consists of creating the community's vision desired for the site. This will be a permanent construction, single story and eco-friendly that makes best use of the land and shelters the site from the noise of the A419. This construction will be a multi-function building capable of being used for different activities as the site develops, but will include a cafe with an information point. There shall be a wildlife zone created 1.5 meters from the edge of the canal bank where no ground construction will be situated, outdoor seating and a few parking spaces.

Any permanent structures created at Stage 2 will be created with the final proposal in mind. The above proposal is based on the land being transferred or long-term leased to either Stonehouse Town Council or a regulated community group.

### Sustainability



A strong emphasis on sustainability and eco-friendly practices will be considered throughout the project including:

- using renewable and recyclable materials.
- reducing the embodied energy in building materials.
- reducing the energy consumption of the finished building.
- onsite energy generation -- solar panels, PV battery, ground source heat pump
- reducing on-site waste.
- protecting the natural habitats during and after the construction phase
- rainwater harvesting for use on site.

## Financial Breakdown

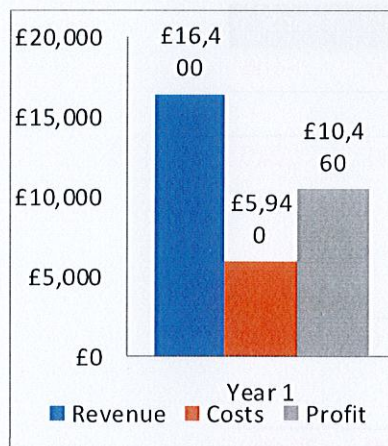
### Year 1

Use of the site for pop-up businesses

Set-up utilities and temporary public conveniences

Minimum activity whilst plans are finalised and groundworks completed

**Based on 30 weekends, 10 full weeks summer**



### Years 2-5

Community-run cafe creating revenue required for sustainable business

### Highlights

**Year 2** installation of ground-source heat pump, solar pv and thermal for off-grid utilities.

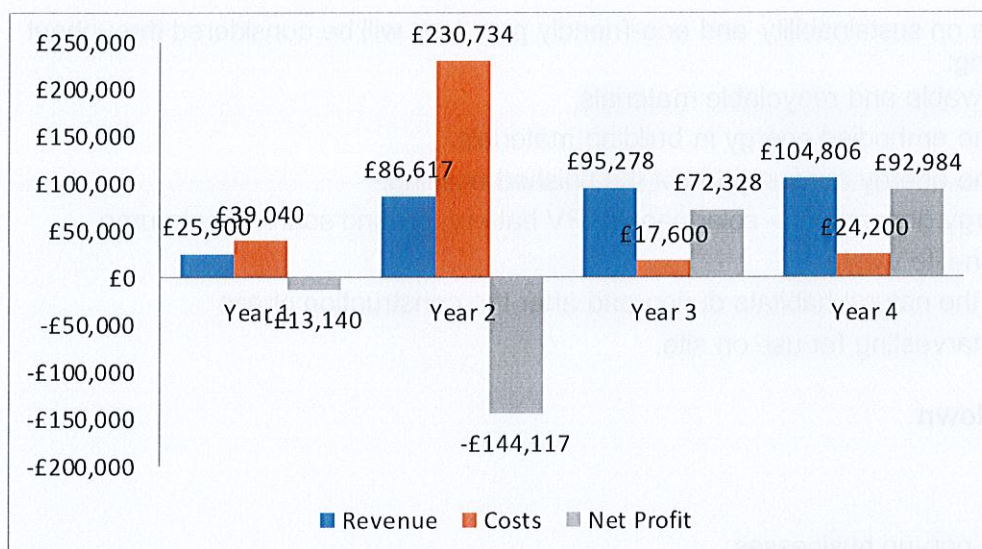
This reduces ongoing costs throughout the life of the project. Part-time management and project maintenance post created.

**Year 3** profitability achieved after initial construction costs reducing loan costs.

**Year 4** initial debt pay-off achieved allowing profits to be re-invested into projects

**Based on 30 weekends, 10 full weeks summer**





## P&L

Expense	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Site procurement cost	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100
Utilities connection	-18,000				
Running costs (electricity, gas, water, rates, Portaloos, and insurance) estimated 10% annual increase	-5,940	-6,534	-1,000	-1,100	-1,210
Groundworks (clearing land, benches, eventual foundations) Building***	-15,000	-62,100	0	0	0
Management employment**	0	-10,000	-15,000	-20,000	-20,000
Launch Area, Hardstanding, infrastructure		-2,000	-1,500	-3,000	-5,000
Design Costs (Architects, planning, legal					
Green Energy		-			
		150,000			
<b>Overheads and expenditure</b>	-39,040	-	-17,600	-24,200	-26,310
		230,734			
<b>Income streams</b>					
fund raising inc Business sponsorship	5,000	15,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Grants	4,000	2,000	8,400	16,400	16,800
Rental Income for stalls, boat hire and Cafe, based on 30 weekends, 10 full weeks summer*	16,400	69,117	76,028	83,631	91,994



Rent out space for daytime parties/weekends/BBQ	500	500	500	500	500
<b>Income</b>	25,900	86,617	89,928	105,531	119,294
<b>P&amp;L</b>	-13,140	-	72,328	81,331	92,984
		144,117			

## Summary

In conclusion, the recommendation from this simple business case is that the former Ship Inn Site should be developed for wider community benefit, where all can access and enjoy an inclusive space along the canal.

It is already known that canal regeneration has a positive impact on local socioeconomic incomes and with considered social investment and the additional visitor spend, the town and wider area would experience economic improvements.

More importantly, Stonehouse is the third most deprived ward in Stroud District, with known elevated rates of poverty, obesity, chronic poor health and disability. Community use of this site would help address this – offering benefits for the social, physical, mental health and wellbeing of residents that could potentially reduce the burden on local health services and improve quality of life for all.

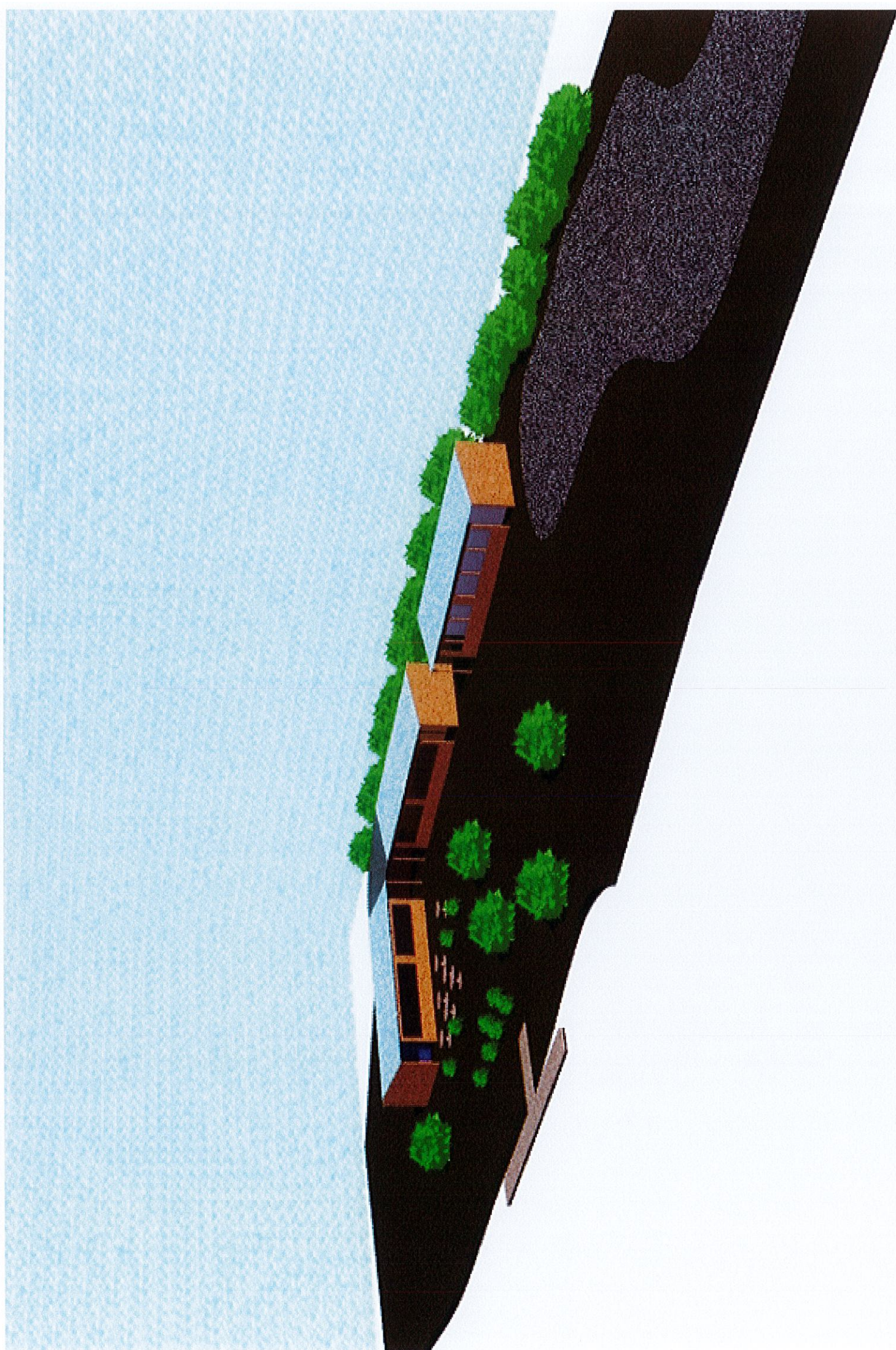
This land is our opportunity to be visionary. It should be considered as a vital part of the wider regeneration of the Stroudwater Navigation and it could be redeveloped for the benefit of not just the community in Stonehouse but for everyone in Stroud District and all the visitors who would be drawn in to enjoy these wonderful amenities.

The possibilities offered by this site to the prosperity of the wider community must be explored and all stakeholders should be encouraged to work in partnership with vision, flexibility, co-operation and openness to reach the best outcome for everyone – especially the town's young people, who could have a space to use and be proud of for years to come.





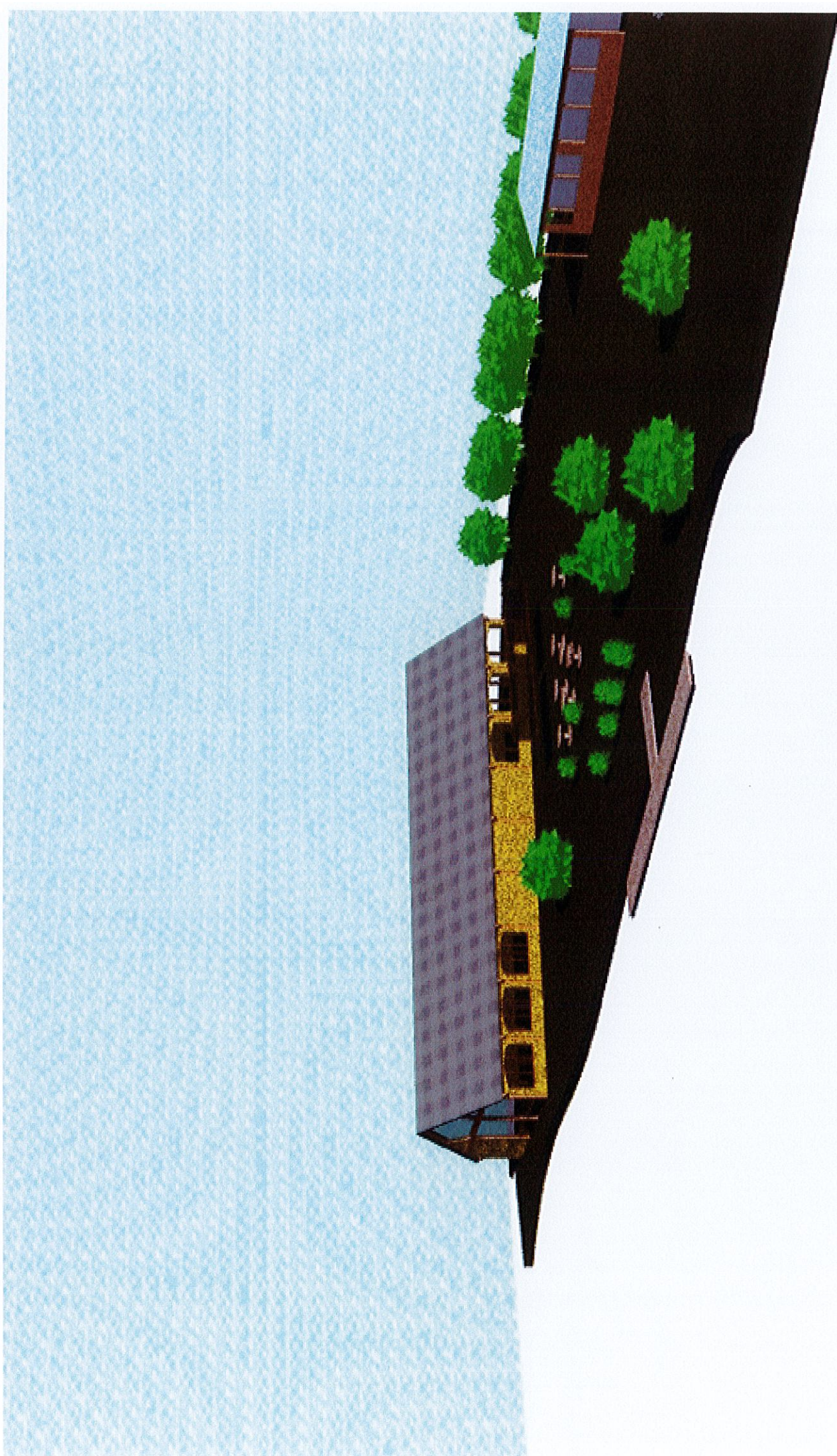


















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## Precept Calculator

Start of year 01/04/22

Heading	Last year's net	Actual net	2022/2023	2023/2024	
1180/5 Maintenance (reactive)	£649.50	£124.42	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	Need to consider impact of vandalism - repair currently needed
1180/6 Maintenance (programmed)	£1,004.01	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	OK
1180/7 Waste Collection	£282.73	£383.04	£300.00	£700.00	Hygiene waste collection - contracted service
1180/8 Security	£2,475.00	£475.10	£500.00	£500.00	OK (Has call out service)
1180/9 IT costs	£616.39	£256.64	£500.00	£500.00	increase slightly
1200 Subscriptions	£4,749.46	£1,084.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	OK
1210 Insurances	£6,450.42	£6,556.23	£6,500.00	£7,000.00	
1210/1 Public/Employee Liability	£79.50	£0.00	£6,500.00	£7,000.00	This code covers all non vehicle insurance
1210/2 Buildings	£6,370.92	£6,556.23	£0.00	£0.00	Delete current heading 'Buildings'
1210/3 Vehicle	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Delete this budget heading as it has been duplicated
1220 Project Planning & Delivery	£250.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	OK
1230 Climate Change	£5,186.67	£166.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Need this for next year's commitment to SWEA
1240 Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Delete budget heading as no longer in use
<b>Town Business Committee Expenditure Total</b>	<b>£262,319.34</b>	<b>£227,599.69</b>	<b>£328,765.00</b>	<b>£357,380.00</b>	
<b>Town Environment Committee Expenditure</b>					
1190 Amenity Areas	£41,546.15	£30,959.72	£38,500.00	£42,000.00	OK
1190/1 Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£28,661.46	£30,763.21	£21,500.00	£24,000.00	Contract service - labour orientated
1190/2 Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£30.23	£707.15	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	Increase grounds activity
1190/3 Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,740.48	£157.02	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	OK
1190/4 Furniture (benches etc)	£500.98	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Rename 'Townscape Improvement' - budget from 2020 to be merged with 1190/4
1190/5 Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£3,933.00	£0.00	£6,500.00	£6,500.00	OK - tree stock constantly being increased - young trees need







# Precept Calculator

Start of year 01/04/22

Heading	Last year's net	2022/2023	2023/2024	
1190/6 Waste Collection	£4,680.00	£2,730.00	£5,000.00	additional attention Changes to bin locations should bring next year's costs down - for the present, will maintain existing budget
2000 Christmas Lights	£4,167.80	£1,313.30	£5,000.00	£2000 estimated lights erection and dismantling - could consider additional lights purchase → agreed TEC 19th Dec.
2005 Climate Change	£1,172.00	£1,480.00	£2,000.00	Reduce by £1000 - £1000 moved to 2090 Planning specialist advice
2010 In Bloom	£19,869.62	-£2,014.83	£7,000.00	
2010/1 Contract Planting	£15,545.77	-£6,109.26	£5,000.00	
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£788.02	£388.93	£1,000.00	Delete budget heading - move £3000 to 2010/2 and £2000 to 2010/3
2010/3 Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	Budget to accommodate new local planting arrangements
2010/4 Other	£3,535.83	£3,802.58	£500.00	Watering of in bloom baskets and planters to be contracted out
2020 Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£3,970.44	£71.36	£3,000.00	Need flexibility of budget to cater for unknown issues - new approach to preparing for In Bloom
2030 Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Delete heading and add budget to code 1190/4 and rename code as Public space Improvements
2040 Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£199.20	£0.00	Delete code and move budget to new budget line headed 'Townscape Improvements' 1190/4
2050 Cultural Events & Studies	£8,504.45	£3,062.59	£7,000.00	Delete budget line
2050/1 Goodwill	£4,057.00	£2,977.59	£4,000.00	Need to consider whether Goodwill is to be expanded next year
2050/2 Civic Awards	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	OK
2050/3 Other	£4,447.45	£85.00	£1,700.00	To accommodate More activities during the course of the year
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	OK
2060 Signage	£464.00	£0.00	£300.00	Delete budget heading and move budget to 'Townscape Improvements'







# Precept Calculator

Start of year 01/04/22

Heading	Last year's net	2022/2023	2023/2024
2070 Town Centre Partnerships	£540.00	£0.00	£0.00
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090 Planning Specialist Advice	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Town Environment Committee Expenditure	£80,234.46	£53,800.00	£68,600.00
Total			
Total Expenditure	£342,553.80	£392,565.00	£425,980.00
Net Expenditure	-£29,516.51	£10,000.00	£0.00
Funding			£0.00
Reserves			£0.00
S106 / CIL			£0.00
Loans			£0.00
Proposed Precept			£402,314.97
Other Income			£23,687.00
Total Funding			£426,001.97
Balance			£21.97
01/04/22			
Tax Base	Band D	01/04/23	
2406.19	148.42		
Current year precept			
357126.72			
extra cost per band D			
18.78			
New band D			
167.20			
New Precept			
402314.97			
Current precept			
£357,126.72			
+ New additional			
£45,188.25			
= Proposed precept			
£402,314.97			

\* Request for £5000 from reserves for Canal Spring Festival - go to FTC







# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/22 and 31/12/22 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/22

	2022/2023	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
200 Stonehouse in Bloom	£1,500.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£1,250.00	-83.33%
205 Event Income/Donations	£1,200.00	£0.00	£934.00	-£266.00	-22.17%
210 Planting Sponsorship	£800.00	£0.00	£1,513.24	£713.24	89.16%
215 Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£15,027.40	£15,027.40	100.00%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£3,500.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£17,724.64</b>	<b>£14,224.64</b>	<b>406.42%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
1190 Amenity Areas	£38,500.00	£14,900.00	£38,024.06	£15,375.94	-39.94%
2000 Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£1,313.30	£3,686.70	-73.73%
2005 Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,480.00	£520.00	-26.00%
2010 In Bloom	£7,000.00	£0.00	-£1,917.75	£8,917.75	-127.40%
2020 Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£3,000.00	£0.00	£71.36	£2,928.64	-97.62%
2030 Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	-100.00%
2040 Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£199.20	-£199.20	100.00%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies	£7,000.00	£0.00	£3,450.71	£3,549.29	-50.70%
2060 Signage	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2070 Town Centre Partnership	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£63,800.00</b>	<b>£14,900.00</b>	<b>£42,620.88</b>	<b>£36,079.12</b>	<b>-56.55%</b>



